

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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DECISION

TOPIC

FY2009 Low-Head Dam Public Hazard Cost-Share Grant Program

The Commission is requested to approve the FY2009 low-head dam public hazard cost-share grants.

The Iowa General Assembly in 2008 appropriated \$1.2 million for low-head dam public hazard and water trails projects. One million dollars of that fund was repurposed for flood relief in mid-September, shortly before the September 30, 2008, application deadline announced in June. The reduced amount of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2009 is available to award for the low-head dam public hazard program. Chapter 30 of the administrative code implements the low-head dam safety cost-share program to support signage, dam removal, and dam modification for the benefits of navigational and recreational safety and aquatic species, including game fish. The Department received nine eligible applications requesting \$696,410. Scorers making award recommendations were John Pearson (DNR), Robin Fortney (citizen), Mark Wise (citizen), Bernie Hoyer (DNR), and Steve Hopkins (DNR). The recommended state fiscal year 2009 awards, totaling \$200,000, as determined by the scoring committee are:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Amount requested</u>	<u>AWARD RECOMMENDED</u>	<u>Score</u>
Yellow River Dam	Gene Warner	\$34,750	\$34,750	96.7
Charles City Low-head Dam Enhancement Project	City of Charles City	\$366,120	\$165,250	95.4
Scott Street Dam Water Trail	City of Des Moines	\$20,000		94.6
Center Street Dam Water Trail	City of Des Moines	\$20,000		94
Center Street Dam Improvements	City of Cedar Falls	\$62,920		93.8
Cedar River Water Trail-Paramount Park Portage Construction	City of Waterloo	\$50,000		86.2

Klondike Dam Rapids Conversion Study & Concept Development	Iowa DNR, River Programs	\$9,572		85.4
Littleton Dam Removal and Stream Restoration	Iowa DNR, River Programs	\$125,000		84.8
Lakehurst Dam Canoe Slide	Jackson County Conservation	\$ 8,048		73.8

The Department recommends fully funding the top ranked projects. If a ranked project declines funding, the Department requests authority to offer those funds to the next highest scored project until all funds are spent.

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